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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMOTE SENSING DISCUSSIONS

REFS: (A) BRASILIA 8954; (B) STATE 215669

1. FONMIN/COBAE INTERPRETATION OF PURPOSES AND SCENARIO OF FRUTKIN VISIT IS NOT CORRECT. VISIT TO INPE WAS TO BE ESSENTIALLY FOR WORKING GROUP MEETING, COUPLED WITH INFORMAL, TECHNICAL LEVEL REVIEW BETWEEN FRUTKIN AND MENDONCA OF PROBLEMS RELATING TO CURRENT, REPEAT CURRENT, AGREEMENT. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY BRASILIA VISIT FOR DISCUSSIONS OF BACKGROUND RELATING TO POSSIBLE NEW AGREEMENT. WHILE SOME MENTION OF POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO ARISE IN INTERCHANGES BETWEEN FRUTKIN AND MENDONCA, THIS WOULD BE IN EVERY SENSE SUBORDINATE TO POLICY LEVEL DISCUSSION IN BRASILIA.

2. FOLLOWING COMMENTS SHOULD HELP CLARIFY MISUNDERSTAND-
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DEPARTMENT AND NASA UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THAT INPE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO SPEAK FOR GOB. CONVERSATIONS WERE IN FACT UNDERTAKEN BY NASA WITH BRAZILIAN EMBASSY HERE TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES. OVERALL

TACTICS OF FRUTKIN VISIT WERE COORDINATED IN ADVANCE WITH DEPARTMENT.

B. NASA LETTER TO INPE FORWARDING CURRENT STANDARDIZED REPEAT STANDARDIZED LANDSAT AGREEMENT WAS FOR COURTESY ONLY AND POINTEDLY REQUESTED DRAFT BE EXAMINED BY QUOTE RESPONSIBLE BRAZILIAN AGENCIES SO THAT ANY ISSUE CAN BE RESOLVED UNQUOTE. INDEED, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT INPE DID MAKE THE DOCUMENT AVAILABLE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND COBAE. AGREEMENT TEXT ITSELF WAS FOR ILLUSTRATIVE AND BACKGROUND PURPOSES ONLY (ALTHOUGH IT IS OF COURSE EXPECTED THAT ANY SUBSEQUENT NEW AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL WILL RESEMBLE IT CLOSELY) AND WAS NOT AT THIS STAGE A FORMAL NEGOTIATING PROPOSAL.

C. IT WAS INTENDED THAT, PRIOR TO FRUTKIN VISIT, A COPY OF THE STANDARDIZED AGREEMENT WOULD ALSO BE FORWARDED TO BRAZILIAN EMBASSY HERE AS FURTHER INSURANCE OF COMMUNICATION WITH APPROPRIATE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE EVENT INPE PROVED DELINQUENT ON THIS SCORE, AND TO EMBASSY, BRASILIA, FOR BACKGROUND. DEPARTMENT REGRETS THAT NEITHER ACTION TAKEN. COPY NOW BEING POUCHED FOR EMBASSY FILES.

2. FRUTKIN HAPPY TO VISIT BRASILIA FIRST WEEK NOVEMBER. PURPOSE SAME AS IN REF (B) TO DEVELOP BRAZILIAN UNDERSTANDING OF US AND NASA POLICIES AND TECHNICAL FRAMEWORK AS NECESSARY PRELIMINARY TO BRAZILIAN REVIEW OF POSTURE WITH RESPECT TO AGREEMENT RENEWAL.

3. INPE-MODIFIED DRAFT RECEIVED BY NASA WILL BE CONSID-

ERED ONLY IF SUBMITTED BY FONMIN/COBAE, AS APPROPRIATE, IN LATER NEGOTIATIONS. DEPARTMENT AND NASA UNCERTAIN TO WHAT EXTENT COBAE IS COMPETENT AUTHORITY, SINCE REFTEL INDILIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CATES FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY BE TAKING LEAD. ANXIOUS FRUTKIN MEET WITH WHATEVER OFFICIALS CAN DETERMINE BRAZILIAN POLICY ON REMOTE SENSING.

4. PLEASE ADVISE DETAILED SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MEETINGS. INGERSOLL

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